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- 1. MINISTER OF MINES HERNANDEZ ADVISED THE AMBASSADOR ON JANUARY 12 THAT HE HAD JUST COMPLETED THE FINAL STEPS IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNTS TO BE DEDUCTED FROM EACH COMPANY'S GUARANTEE FUND ON THE QUESTION OF ASSET DEDUCTIONS. HE SAID THE COMPANIES WOULD BE ADVISED OF THE FINAL AMOUNTS ON JANUARY 13 OR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.
- 2. SUBSEQUENTLY, ALIRIO PARRA OF PETROLEOS TOLD THE PETROLEUM OFFICER THAT HE UNDERSTOOD A FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON THE MATTER OF ASSET DEDUCTIONS, AND THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT WAS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN PREVIOUS ESTIMATES, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW HOW THIS AFFECTED INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES.
- 3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CHECK CLOSELY WITH THE COMPANIES FOR ANY CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE. VAKY

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